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Letter dated 25 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, issued on 24 January 2013, with regard to Security Council resolution 2087 (2013) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Democratic People's Republic of Korea National Defence Commission Issues Statement Refuting Security Council resolution 2087 (2013)

Pyongyang, 24 January

Our successful launch of satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2 was a great jubilee in the history of the nation, as it placed the nation's dignity and honour on the highest plane and was a spectacular success in the efforts being made to develop space for peaceful purposes recognized by the world.

The world people who love justice and value conscience unanimously rejoice, as if it were their own, over the signal success made by our country, not a big one, by its own efforts.

Even the space institutions of a hostile country, accustomed to expressing repugnance towards others, could not but recognize the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's successful satellite launch for peaceful purposes, from a low-profile stance.

This being a hard reality, the United States of America, at the outset of the year, termed our satellite launch a "long-range missile launch", a "wanton violation" of United Nations resolutions and a "blatant challenge" to world peace and security in a bid to build up public opinion on this.

Finally, the United States prodded the Security Council into cooking up a new resolution on tightening sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The keynote of the resolution was worked out through backstage dealing with the United States as a main player, and it was adopted by the Security Council with blind hand-raising by its member nations. This goes to clearly prove that the hostile policy of the United States towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has entered a dangerous new phase. This shows, at the same time, that those big countries, which are obliged to take the lead in building a fair world order, are abandoning without hesitation even elementary principles, under the influence of the arbitrary and high-handed practices of the United States, failing to come to their senses.

Moreover, this also indicates that the Security Council, which should regard it as its mission to guarantee the sovereign rights and security of its member nations, has turned into a defunct marionette, an international body on which no hope can be pinned. The National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea solemnly declares the following with regard to the adoption of the entirely unreasonable resolution on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:

1. We totally reject all the illegal resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted by the Security Council

We have never recognized any form of the base resolutions tightening sanctions that are cooked up by hostile forces to encroach upon the sovereignty of

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Sovereignty is what keeps a country and nation alive. The country and the nation without sovereignty are more dead than alive. The satellite launch was the exercise of an independent right pertaining to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as well as its legitimate sovereignty recognized by international law. Therefore, the United States and those countries which launched satellites before have neither justification nor reason to find fault with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's satellite launch. They are making a brigandish assertion that what they launched were satellites but that what another country launched was a long-range missile. They are seriously mistaken if they think this assertion can work in the bright world of today. The United States should clearly know that the times have changed and so have the army and the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Along with nationwide efforts to defend its sovereignty, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will continue launching peaceful satellites into outer space one after another.

2. As the hostile policy of the United States towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has entered a more dangerous phase, overall efforts should be directed towards the denuclearization of the big powers, including the United States, rather than the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula

The biggest threat to peace and security on the Korean peninsula is the hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea being pursued by all kinds of dishonest forces, including the United States as well as the huge nuclear armed forces of the United States that back the policy. The army and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea drew the final conclusion that only when the denuclearization of the world is realized on a perfect and preferential basis, including the denuclearization of the United States, will it be possible to denuclearize the Korean peninsula and ensure the peace and security of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The United States is taking the lead in encroaching upon the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, its allies are siding with it, and the Security Council has been reduced to an organization bereft of impartiality and balance. In this situation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea cannot but declare that there will no longer exist the six-party talks and the 19 September joint statement. No dialogue on the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula will be possible in the future, even though there may be dialogues and negotiations on ensuring peace and security in the region, including on the Korean peninsula.

3. We will launch an all-out action to foil the hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea being pursued by the United States and those dishonest forces following the United States, and safeguard the sovereignty of the country and the nation

The Security Council resolution on expanding sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which was adopted on the initiative of the United States, represents the most dangerous phase of the hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The army and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will never remain onlookers to such happenings in which the sovereignty of the nation is encroached upon and the supreme interests of the country are violated. In the prevailing situation, the army and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will turn out in an all-out action to defend

its sovereignty, which is more precious than their own lives, and will frustrate the moves of the United States and its allies to isolate and stifle the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The drive to build an economic power that is being pushed forward by the army and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the effort to conquer space, which has entered a new phase, and the endeavours to bolster the deterrence in order to safeguard the country and defend its security will all be orientated towards the purpose of winning in the all-out action for foiling the United States and all other hostile forces' manoeuvres.

We do not hide the fact that a variety of satellites and long-range rockets which will be launched by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea one after another and that a nuclear test of a higher level will be carried out by it in the upcoming all-out action, a new phase of the anti-United States struggle that has lasted century after century and that will target the United States, the sworn enemy of the Korean people.

Settling accounts with the United States needs to be done with force, not with words, as it regards jungle law as the rule of its survival. The world will clearly see how the army and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea punish all kinds of hostile forces and will emerge as the final victor while following the just road of defending its sovereignty, convinced of the justice of their cause.